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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office action mailed from the Patent Office on April 9, 2007, for which the shortened statutory period was set to expire on July 9, 2007. Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee occasioned by the entry of this paper, including the Three Month Extension of Time Fee, to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-3081. If any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-3081.

The Applicants respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and Response, in which:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 5.